

Apply for Legal Aid

Phone 1-800-667-3764 to find out if you can get Legal Aid. The phone line is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

Go online and complete the financial test at any time (www.legalaid.sk.ca).

You can also apply in person at the office closest to you.

Legal information is also available from:

PLEA (Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan)
(www.plea.org): 306-653-1868

CLASSIC (Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City): 306-657-6100

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan
(www.pblsask.ca): 1-855-833-7257

Family Law Information Centre:
1-888-218-2822 (toll free)

Courts of Saskatchewan:
www.sasklawcourts.ca

Saskatoon Legal Advice Clinic:
306-657-6100

Saskatoon Walk-in Advocacy Clinic: 123 20th Street West
(Monday and Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Saskatchewan Info-Justice Centre: www.saskinfojustice.ca

Financial Eligibility



Can I get Legal Aid?

If you need legal help but can't afford it, we may be able to help. Legal Aid is available if:

1. You are financially eligible.

Legal Aid looks at your income and assets to see if you have enough money to pay for legal services. This is called the financial test.

If you do not have enough money to pay for legal services, you are financially eligible.

2. You have a criminal or family issue.

Legal Aid helps people with criminal matters or family issues.

Talk to your Area Office for more information about what services Legal Aid offers.

3. Your legal problem has professional merit.

This means a Legal Aid lawyer reviewed your case and agrees your problem needs qualified legal help.

The Financial Test

Legal Aid does a financial test for you, your spouse, and your dependent children by looking at assets and income.

Assets include cash, bank accounts, houses, and cars.

Income includes paycheques, assistance payments, and allowances.

You may be asked for proof of your assets and income. Proof includes:

- Tax returns
- Bank records
- Pay slips
- EI statements
- Social or band assistance papers

After the financial test, Legal Aid will decide **one** of the following:

- That you do not have enough money to pay for a lawyer
- That you have enough money to pay for a lawyer
- That you can pay for part of the costs of your legal service

Contribution

Legal Aid might ask you to pay for part of your legal services. This happens if your income is close to but higher than the guideline.

If you are asked to help pay for the cost of your legal services, you will need to pay \$40 at your first appointment.

**If you are a youth
(aged 12 to 17)
you can get Legal Aid.**